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## TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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TO: + WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM.  
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FOR SCOWCROFT FROM SECRETARY

FOLLOWING UP ON EARLIER MESSAGE, PLEASE CONVEY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS TEL TO DOBRYNIN AS WELL. ON THE QUESTION OF THE US-USSR LETTER TO SYG, SYRIAN ATTITUDE IS THAT IT WILL AGREE TO WHATEVER FORM IS AGREEABLE TO EGYPTIANS. EGYPTIANS HAVE APPROVED TWO SHORT CONTINGENCY LETTERS AND WE EXPECT ALSO ITS APPROVAL OF THE LTG DRAFT WITH THE ONE CHANGE IN THE SENTENCE RELATING TO PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION (SEE PREVIOUS TEL. TELL DOBRYNIN THAT ONLY IF ALL ELSE FAILS, WILL I MOVE TO SHORTER LETTER.

BUT WHAT WE WANT DOBRYNIN TO UNDERSTAND IN PARTICULAR IS THAT SYRIAN WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IS NOT SETTLED AND THAT WE HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD BY SOVIETS THAT SYRIANS WANT TO HAVE SOME PRIOR UNDERSTANDING ON DISENGAGEMENT BEFORE THEY GO TO THE CONFERENCE. AS PREVIOUS TEL INDICATES, THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BUT WE WOULD HOPE THAT A SATISFACTORY SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED BY THE END OF JANUARY.

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WHAT WE WANT SOVIETS TO DO IS TO WEIGH IN HEAVILY WITH THE SYRIANS WITH A VIEW TO GETTING THEM TO RESPOND FAVORABLY WHEN SYG/INVITATION IS SENT TO THEM INVITING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE.

PLEASE ALSO REMIND DORRYNIN OF BREZHNEV'S PROMISE TO PRESS THE SYRIANS ON THE PRISONER EXCHANGE. WE WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT IF THERE IS NOT SOME MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE. AT A MINIMUM THE SYRIANS MUST BE WILLING TO EXCHANGE LISTS, ALLOW RED CROSS VISITS, AND BE WILLING TO EXCHANGE WOUNDED ONCE CONFERENCE BEGINS.

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SCOWCROFT, MCFARLANE, SECFL

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